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State Of Emergency Declared Bans Sale And Use Of All Fireworks

Camden County Board of Commissioners Chairman David Rainer, in conference with and the agreement of, the Mayors of Kingsland, St. Marys and Woodbine did issue this afternoon a State of Emergency that immediately bans the sale and use of fireworks anywhere within the county. The ban, which joins a total burn ban already in effect, will remain in effect until conditions improve.

According to the National Weather Service Camden County currently exists in an extreme to exceptional drought state with a 12" to 16" rainfall deficit. Wildfires continue to burn through southeast Georgia and northern Florida often blanketing the county in acrid smoke.

Local officials urge all citizens to comply with the ban. Law enforcement officers throughout the county will seize the fireworks of any citizens using them and will issue citations as necessary.

As of this date the annual 4th of July Fireworks show in St. Marys will go on as scheduled. A copy of the ban signed by Chairman Rainer is attached.

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